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IMPLEMENTING PHASE-CONTRAST OR MODULATION-CONTRAST
OBSERVATION ON MICROSCOPES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Honorable Sir:

Please preliminary amend the above-identified application as follows: